

Crawling Ladybug

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To make a crawling ladybug you will need these things:



box made
of thin
cardboard

three
twister ties
with wire
inside

half a
walnut
shell

red paint
black paint

paintbrush

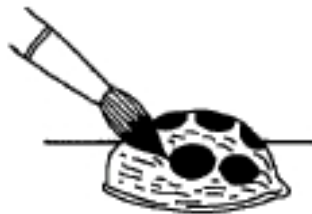
magnet

glue

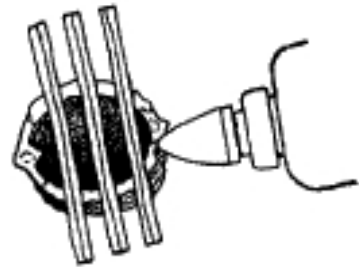
When you have all these things, follow these steps:



1. With your paintbrush, paint the walnut shell red. Let the paint dry. Wash the paintbrush. The walnut shell is the ladybug's body.

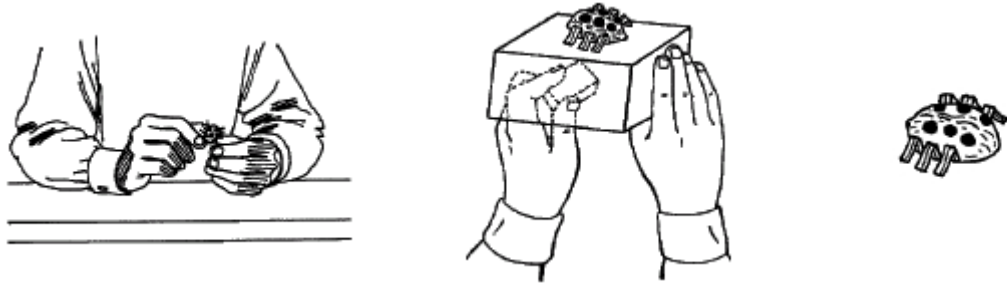


2. With your paintbrush, paint black spots on the ladybug's body. Paint black spots. Let the paint dry. Wash the paintbrush.



3. Turn the ladybug over. Put a line of glue around the edge of the shell. Put three twister ties on the glue. Put the twister ties across the shell. The twister ties are the ladybug's legs. Let the glue dry.

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4. Turn the ladybug over.
With one hand, hold the ladybug on the table. With your other hand, bend the ladybug's legs.
5. Put the ladybug on the box.
With your fingers, hold the magnet inside the box. Hold it under the ladybug. Move the magnet slowly. The ladybug will move, too.

MAGNETS

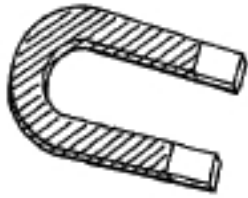
How does the ladybug move?

It moves because of magnetism. Magnetism is the power to attract, or pull things closer. Objects that have this power are called magnets. Most magnets are made from iron or steel.

The objects that magnets move are also made from iron or steel. If you hold an object close to a magnet and an object moves closer, you know that the object is made of iron or steel.

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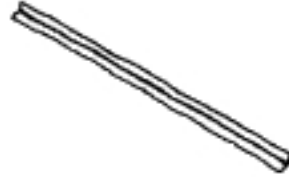
ITEMS MADE FROM IRON OR STEEL



horseshoe magnet



paper clip



twister tie

ITEMS NOT MADE FROM IRON OR STEEL



ruler



paper cup

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Directions: Read the passage “Crawling Ladybugs”, then circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. What part of the ladybug is attracted to the magnet?
 - A. the glue
 - B. the shell
 - C. the red paint
 - D. the twister ties

2. Which object will move when it is put next to a magnet?
 - A. a paper cup
 - B. a paper clip
 - C. a walnut shell
 - D. a wooden ruler

3. Look at the picture above Step 5. Why is the box held up in the air?
 - A. to make the ladybug fly
 - B. to make the ladybug move quickly
 - C. so that the ladybug can be seen
 - D. so that the magnet can be held underneath

4. To make the ladybug crawl faster you will need
 - A. a bigger magnet
 - B. more twister ties
 - C. to move the magnet faster
 - D. to hold the box up higher

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5. Why are the twister ties needed?
- A. to make the ladybug's body
 - B. to clean the glue off the walnut
 - C. to make the ladybug slide
 - D. to attach the ladybug to the box

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Answer Key – Crawling Ladybugs

LA.A.2.2.8: The student identifies meanings through the process of selecting and/or organizing information from a single text that contains multiple representations of information. The complexity of the presentation will be appropriate to third grade. This process may involve application, analysis, synthesis, and/or evaluation appropriate to third grade.

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